

The Weekly Update

JANUARY 23, 2026



Keep an eye out for information about in person worship on Sunday. We will make the decision by 2 pm on Saturday.

You will only be notified if worship is CANCELED.

Unless Pastors Matt & Melody lose power, they plan on livestreaming from their home if we cancel worship on Sunday. Watch your email & texts for updates!

Painting Update!

This past week, the painters completed work in the Choir Room, Counseling Room, Common Room, and the hallway between the Narthex and Fellowship Hall—and they've done a wonderful job!

Next week, the Kitchen and Fellowship Hall will be closed as painting continues. As a result, Wednesday Night Happenings on January 28 will be canceled. Thank you for your patience as we continue improving our shared spaces.



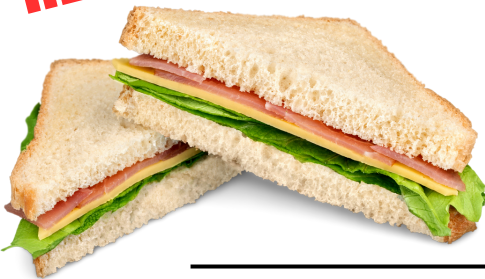
RESCHEDULED!

Operation Sandwich

February 1st

following the late service

ALL ARE WELCOME TO HELP!



Joyfully
Called

Women's Spiritual Retreat 2026

Step away from the noise of everyday life and join us for a soul-refreshing weekend designed just for women. This retreat is a sacred space to rest, reflect, and reconnect with God and one another as we explore the truth of Psalm 139—that you are known, loved, and wonderfully made by God.

Through worship, music, teaching, quiet reflection, and meaningful fellowship, you'll be encouraged to embrace your God-given identity and walk away renewed in spirit and purpose.

Scholarships and payment plans are available!

We don't want finances to be a barrier—please reach out for details.

Cost:

- \$200 per person – shared room
- \$350 per person – single room

Come as you are. Leave refreshed, encouraged, and confident in who God created you to be.

Register by March 6, 2026 to reserve your spot. Space is limited, so don't wait!

Use the link below!



Family Meet Up!

**Saturday, January 31
6:30 pm**

Popcorn will be provided, but feel free to bring your families favorite snacks!

C&C Youth Room • Movie TBD

"MAHJONG!"

Interested in learning how to play Mahjong? Lori Meath and Kathy Shepler are offering free lessons here at the church! The first sessions will be held on Monday, January 26, and Wednesday, January 28 at 1:00 p.m.

Email: kathylovespete@gmail.com





NEW C&C MINISTRY

Gift Share is a new ministry of Cross & Crown led by church member Sabina “Beanie” Bragg. Gift Share provides adults with disabilities opportunities to build social skills & explore vocational interests through art therapy and gift basket assembly. These gift baskets will then be delivered to community members who would benefit from a cheerful reminder that they cared for & loved.

- Informational Session: February 8th, following the 1015 service.
- Gift Share classes will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am–noon in ROOM 105 downstairs beginning February 10.

Gift Share is open to any adult who may benefit from vocational discovery and art therapy. For participant interest or questions, please email bragg.sabina@gmail.com.

Have a gift to share? Gift Share welcomes volunteers with experience in art instruction, vocational training, or other applicable skills. We are also seeking donations of lightly used wicker baskets and extra ribbon. If you are interested in volunteering or donating materials, please email bragg.sabina@gmail.com.

What Are Thrivent Action Teams? How Can They Help C&C?

Do you have a Thrivent life, health or annuity product? If the answer is yes, then you have access to two Thrivent Action Teams per year. Thrivent provides \$250 in seed money for service-oriented projects.

Thrivent Action Teams are designed to empower members to serve their communities in meaningful ways. These projects have supported countless local causes, from helping families in need to improving community spaces.

Cross & Crown has used Action Teams for various projects, such as:

- Teacher emergency kits at Matthews Elementary
- Angel tree gifts
- Boxes filled with goodies for college students & military personnel
- Thanksgiving meals
- Summer series meals, and more



If your Action Teams are dedicated to personal or family projects, that's great! Otherwise, please email LeAnne using the link below with the number of teams you have and their availability for ministries at Cross & Crown.

Information you will need when applying for an Action Team includes:

Project Type: Fundraiser, service activity, or educational event.

Beneficiary: Who or what organization the project will benefit.

Project Description: What you plan to do, how your team will be involved, and how it spreads generosity.

Project Date(s): When will the activity take place.

Team Size: Estimated number of volunteers.

Funds/Items: For fundraisers, how much you aim to raise or items to collect.

After the project is complete you must return to your Thrivent account and report the following information:

Service activities:

- Number of volunteers.
- Length of event.

Fundraisers:

- Number of volunteers.
- Length of event.
- Funds raised.
- Items collected and quantity.
- Number of attendees.

Educational events:

- Number of volunteers.
- Length of event.
- Number of attendees.

C&C Youth will have so many opportunities this summer;
whether it be attending camp or a mission trip!
See the list below!

SUMMER YOUTH CALENDAR

LUTHERIDGE WEEK

(KAİROS- MIDDLE SCHOOL, ESPECIALLY 6TH GRADE)

**JUNE
21-26**

**SET YOUR CONFIRMATION AGE YOUTH ON A NEW AND
EXCITING FAITH JOURNEY WITH KAİROS CAMP. YOUR CAMPER
WILL ENJOY ALL THE FUN OF CAMP WHILE GROWING IN
FAITH. OUR THEME FOR 2026:**

COMMUNION

**THE KEYNOTE LEADER IS EMILY HARKINS, PASTOR AT
THE DWELLING IN WINSTON SALEM!**

GATHERING EXPEDITION CAMP

7TH-12TH GRADE

**JULY
12-17**

**LUTHERIDGE IS COLLABORATING WITH THE ELCA YOUTH
GATHERING TO BRING TOGETHER THE BEST PARTS OF CAMP
AND THE BEST PARTS OF THE GATHERING FOR AN
UNFORGETTABLE WEEK. THE DAYS WILL CONSIST OF ALL
KINDS OF CAMP FUN THAT MAY INCLUDE VISITING THE
POOL AND CRAFT LODGE. EVENINGS AND NIGHTS WILL BE
FILLED WITH GATHERING-LIKE WORSHIP, MUSIC, AND
INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKERS.**

YOUTH MISSION TRIP SPARK'DWELL

6TH- 12TH GRADE

**JULY
26-31**

**THIS IS A WEEK DURING THE SUMMER WE'RE PARTICIPATING
IN A SPIRIT AND SERVICE- LEARNING EXPERIENCES.
SPARK'DWELL IS LOCATED IN WINSTON SALEM, NORTH
CAROLINA. HERE WE'LL BE LEARNING ABOUT JUSTICE ISSUES
RELATED TO HOMELESSNESS, HUNGER, POVERTY, RACISM,
EDUCATION DISPARITY, AND MORE.**

MARDI GRAS PANCAKE DINNER FUNDRAISER

Enjoy a delicious stack of pancakes and celebrate with festive Mardi Gras spirit—all while helping our youth make a difference through service and outreach this summer.

Join us for a fun and flavorful Mardi Gras—themed Pancake Dinner on February 17 at 6pm to support our youth as they raise funds for their Summer Mission Trip!

Bring your family, invite your friends, and come hungry! Your support helps our youth grow in faith, service, and community.



PRAYER list

MEMBERS:

JEANETTE ABBOTT	KATHI & FRANK MACARINE
JENNY BOOTH	LORI MEATH
JUNE BROOKS	TILLER FAMILY
JIM BURNS	JOE & CRISS UCMAN
DENNIS DOWNEY	DAWN WATTS
LINDA FARIES	JD WINFREY

FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Kenneth Ackerman, Larry Pool's brother-in-law
Kristi Alary, Julie Moffat's sister
Sidney Ames, Susan Arcuri's sister
Scott Anderson, friend of the Ucmans
John Bailey, Russ Bailey's father
Andrew Bernauer, son of Wayne & Rosemary Bernauer
Jim Carty, Suzy Wleznia's brother
Joann Church, Behzad Vaqar's mother
Drude Corbet, Angelina Corbet's brother
Ruth Deal
Rick, Debbie & Jason Eldridge, friends of Vivian Farland
Reid Evans, friend of Barbara Maillet
Brad Faries, Barry & Linda Faries' son
Owen Farr, Julie Wright's grandson
Lily Ferrulli, Joann Ferrulli's granddaughter
Dorothy Henke, Lisa Roth's mother
Portia Hutchinson, friend of Felicia Eybl
David Jacomet, Laura Van Landingham's father
Will Jacobs, friend of the Macarine's being deployed
Jim Kozlinski, Cathy Kozlinski's husband
Jan Knutson, Jerry Putnam's sister
Mark & Ellen Kramm, friends of Jill Jurgensen
Helen Laatz, sister-in-law of Leslie Laatz
Randy LaMere, Jennifer LaMere's father
Madsen family, friends of Joe & Criss Ucmans
Marylou, friend of Annette Downey
Jeanne Maylor, Denise Bratschie's friend
Ted Meiss, Christine Meiss' husband
Alice Louise (Lou) Miller, Criss Ucmans' cousin
Gary Mintz, friend of David & Debra Cox & Felicia Eybl
Matt Moulton, Tom & Janis Dorsey's nephew
Fred Olafson, friend of the congregation
Brian Orton
Nga Pace, Yen Forsblom's sister
Olivia Reardon, daughter of Barry & Linda Faries' friends
Sameer Saproo, Teri Strom's nephew-in-law
Nancy Scholhammer, friend of Susan Arcuri
Derek & Smith & family, Roger & Debbie Black's daughter & son-in-law
Sherrill & Patricia Tucker, Donna Tucker's parents
Joanne Varnum, friend of Joe & Criss Ucmans
Haley White, Barbara Maillet's granddaughter
Lucas White, Barbara Maillet's grandson

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 8:30 am - 2 pm Thursday: 8:30 am - 2 pm
Tuesday: 8:30 am - 2 pm Friday: 8:30 am - 2 pm
Wednesday: Church Office closed, phone lines & office email is open & replied to between 8:30 am - 5 pm.

2025 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Felicia Eybl- President	Todd Atwood
Chris Frisina- Vice President	Katie Goode
Jason Roberge- Secretary	Jerry Putnam
	Ann Whitener

Happy Birthday

Jennifer Aspinwall	JAN. 26
Faye Yoder	JAN. 26
Brooks Tiller	JAN. 27
Janis Dorsey	JAN. 28

Oops! Did we miss your birthday?
Please let us know so we can add you to our list!



Wednesday Night Happenings

We will not be having Wednesday Night Happenings on January 28th. The Fellowship Hall will be painted during that time.

she leaves
a little
Sparkle
everywhere
she goes

Appointments
Spots Added!

Fairy Hair
by Hannah Rhyne

- Cost: \$10 sitting fee + \$1 per strand
- How long it lasts: About a month—often longer
- Care: Can be washed, brushed, and styled with heat up to 450°
- All ages are welcome—come add a little sparkle!

BE A MAN. OF FAITH. MEN'S RETREAT: FEB. 20-22



This isn't your typical men's retreat—it's a retreat for guys who hate men's retreats.

Join us at Camp Canaan for a weekend packed with great food and friendly paintball competition. It's a relaxed chance to connect, grow in faith, and enjoy some genuine "guy time." Use the link below to register!

Coming up this week...

- Sunday, Jan. 25- 8:15 am- Traditional Worship
9 am- Coffee Hour
9:15 am- Adult Bible Study on the book of Psalm
10:15 am- Contemporary Worship
- Monday, Jan. 26. -Women's Bible Study
- Tuesday, Jan. 27- 12 pm- Staff Meeting
1 pm- Congregational Care Team Meeting
2 pm- Community Care Team Meeting
- Wednesday, Jan. 28- NO Wednesday Night Happenings Dinner
6:45 pm- Handbells
7:30 pm- Choir
- Friday, Jan.30- 4:25 pm- Walking Club